

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the matter of:

ANTONE MELTON-MEAUX  
H0MN05210

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ANTONE FOR CONGRESS  
DENNIS MELTON, TREASURER  
C00729582

WCPA LLC

LAKE POINT CONSULTING LLC

NORTH SUPERIOR CONSULTING LLC

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**COMPLAINT**

Complainant the Minnesota Democratic Farmer-Labor Party is a state political party committee.

This complaint is filed with the Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) in accordance with the provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) in the belief that Respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 52 U.S.C. §§ 30101 *et. seq.* (the “Act”).

Antone Melton-Meaux, Antone for Congress, WCPA LLC, Lake Point Consulting LLC, and North Superior Consulting LLC (“Respondents”) violated the Act by conspiring to intentionally obscure the individuals providing services to Antone for Congress – in clear contravention of the Act’s disclosure requirements. The extent of Respondents’ violations total in the millions of dollars – a scheme to avoid disclosure that Antone for Congress has ***specifically admitted*** to in an email to supporters.

Respondents have openly admitted that three companies – WCPA, Lake Point Consulting, and North Superior Consulting – were created for the sole purpose of shielding the identity of the individuals or firms *actually* providing services to the campaign, and ***not*** in the ordinary course of their business. This action is clearly prohibited under the Act and the FEC’s guidance. As such, the FEC should find reason to believe that a violation has occurred, and punish the Respondents accordingly.

## FACTS

1. **Antone Melton-Meaux** is a candidate for United States Congress in Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District. **Antone for Congress**, Dennis Melton, Treasurer, is his authorized campaign committee. Antone for Congress registered with the FEC on December 3, 2019.<sup>1</sup>
2. **WCPA** is a vendor that has provided various direct mail and television advertising services to Antone for Congress.<sup>2</sup>

Its address is listed as PO Box 87583, Chicago, IL 60680-0497. A company was formed in Delaware on May 29, 2020 with the name "WPCA LLC", listing 850 New Burton Road, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19904 as its address (a registered agent service).<sup>3</sup> It is unclear as to whether this is the same company.<sup>4</sup>

WCPA has been compensated **\$1,493,370** for its work for Antone for Congress through July 22, 2020.<sup>5</sup>

3. **Lake Point Consulting LLC** is a vendor that has provided "Strategic Consulting" services to Antone for Congress.<sup>6</sup>

Its address is listed as 8 The Grn Ste B Dover, DE 19901-3618, a registered agent service. The company was formed December 2, 2019, the day before Mr. Melton-Meaux filed his FEC Form 1.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FEC Form 1, Antone for Congress, at <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00729582/1365197/> (last accessed August 3, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> FEC, Antone for Congress, Pre-Primary Report, "Itemized Disbursements", at <https://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/forms/C00729582/1429526/sb/ALL> (last accessed August 3, 2020).

<sup>3</sup> Search of Delaware Division of Corporations, File Number 7992356, <https://icis.corp.delaware.gov/ecorp/entitysearch/NameSearch.aspx>.

<sup>4</sup> The complaint will refer to this company as "WCPA".

<sup>5</sup> Processed and Raw filings for Antone for Congress.

<sup>6</sup> FEC, Disbursement Search in 2019-2020 for "Lake Point Consulting", at [https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data\\_type=processed&recipient\\_name=LAKE+POINT+CONSULTING&two\\_year\\_transaction\\_period=2020](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&recipient_name=LAKE+POINT+CONSULTING&two_year_transaction_period=2020) (last accessed August 3, 2020).

<sup>7</sup> Search of Delaware Division of Corporations, File Number 7730886, <https://icis.corp.delaware.gov/ecorp/entitysearch/NameSearch.aspx>.

Lake Point Consulting has been compensated **\$142,000** for its work for Antone for Congress through July 22, 2020.<sup>8</sup>

4. **North Superior Consulting LLC** is a vendor that has provided “Strategic Consulting” services to Antone for Congress.<sup>9</sup>

Its address is the same as Lake Point Consulting’s, 8 The Grn Ste B Dover, DE 19901-3618. The company was formed November 4, 2019.<sup>10</sup>

North Superior Consulting has been compensated \$27,500 for its work on the campaign through July 22, 2020.<sup>11</sup>

5. None of the three vendors has provided services to any other federal candidate or committee, or entity required to report to the FEC, during the 2019-2020 election cycle.<sup>12</sup>

6. On July 17, 2020, the Minneapolis Post reported that:

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*The two companies, North Superior Consulting LLC and Lake Point Consulting LLC, were registered in Delaware in late 2019. Neither appears to have a website or any presence at all online, nor do the firms appear in campaign finance*

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<sup>9</sup> FEC, Disbursement Search in 2019-2020 for “North Superior Consulting”, at [https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?committee\\_id=C00729582&two\\_year\\_transaction\\_period=2020&recipient\\_name=NORTH+SUPERIOR+CONSULTING+LLC&data\\_type=processed](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?committee_id=C00729582&two_year_transaction_period=2020&recipient_name=NORTH+SUPERIOR+CONSULTING+LLC&data_type=processed) (last accessed August 3, 2020).

<sup>10</sup> Search of Delaware Division of Corporations, File Number 7688081, <https://icis.corp.delaware.gov/ecorp/entitysearch/NameSearch.aspx>.

<sup>11</sup> Processed and Raw filings for Antone for Congress.

<sup>12</sup> FEC, Disbursement Search in 2019-2020 for “North Superior Consulting,” ”Lake Point Consulting,” and “WCPA” at [https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data\\_type=processed&recipient\\_name=LAKE+POINT+CONSULTING&recipient\\_name=NORTH+SUPERIOR+CONSULTING&recipient\\_name=WCPA&two\\_year\\_transaction\\_period=2020](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&recipient_name=LAKE+POINT+CONSULTING&recipient_name=NORTH+SUPERIOR+CONSULTING&recipient_name=WCPA&two_year_transaction_period=2020) (last accessed August 3, 2020).

*records of other candidates. The companies would normally be required to list their directors on their corporate tax filings, but neither firm filed its Delaware taxes on time, instead incurring fines.*

This article is attached as **Exhibit A**.<sup>13</sup> As of the time of the article, Antone for Congress had not yet disclosed payments to WCPA.

7. On August 2, 2020, Antone for Congress sent an email FAQ to their supporters (attached as **Exhibit B**), which specifically addressed *why* WCPA, Lake Point Conmsulting, and North Superior Consulting were formed – *specifically to provide services to Antone for Congress*.<sup>14</sup>

***Why are some of Antone’s consultants listed as LLCs?***

*The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) has a policy of 'blacklists' vendors or service providers who work on any campaign against incumbents.*

*This policy, which many progressive Democrats object to, has created an environment where those who wish to work on campaigns, such as ours, face retaliation and financial consequences.*

*Not only does this undercut the democratic process and represent the establishment working to influence elections, but it forces vendors to register LLCs in order to avoid being penalized by the DCCC for simply working on the campaign they chose to.*

*The Antone for Congress campaign committee works with several vendors and registered LLCs for a variety of services who had to protect themselves from the DCCC. These expenditures and their reporting are legal and compliant with FEC rules.*

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<sup>13</sup> MinnPost, “Antone Melton-Meaux’s campaign paid almost \$100,000 to two consulting companies — but won’t say who is involved or what work they do” (July 17, 2020), at <https://www.minnpost.com/national/2020/07/antone-melton-meauxs-campaign-paid-almost-100000-to-two-consulting-companies-but-wont-say-who-is-involved-or-what-work-they-do/> (last accessed August 3, 2020).

<sup>14</sup> The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee maintains a “blacklist” of firms that work with challengers to incumbent Members of Congress. See Huffington Post, “DCCC Promises To Blacklist Firms That Work With Candidates Challenging Incumbents” (March 22, 2019), at [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dccc-promises-to-blacklist-firms-that-work-with-candidates-challenging-incumbents\\_n\\_5c95126ae4b01ebeeef0ec3ae](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dccc-promises-to-blacklist-firms-that-work-with-candidates-challenging-incumbents_n_5c95126ae4b01ebeeef0ec3ae) (last accessed August 3, 2020).

8. The above statement clearly states the Respondents’ ***specific intent*** to avoid reporting requirements of the vendors actually providing services to Antone for Congress to “protect” the three vendors from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

### **VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT**

9. Respondents have knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. 30104(b)(5)(A), which requires a committee to identify each “person to whom an expenditure in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 within the calendar year is made by the reporting committee to meet a candidate or committee operating expense, together with the date, amount, and purpose of such operating expenditure.”<sup>15</sup>
10. The FEC has previously stated that intent to obfuscate reporting requirements is a prerequisite for the Commission to require subvendors to be reported, or information beyond the reported payee.<sup>16</sup>
11. MURs 6724 and 4872 are most applicable to this situation – in MUR 6724, a Presidential candidate’s leadership PAC “route[d]” payments to a consultant for the purpose of hiding a subvendor that actually performed services – a state senator who would have been prohibited from accepting payment from the Presidential campaign directly. The FEC found reason to believe that a violation had occurred and fined the parties involved.

MUR 4872 is also applicable and precisely matches the set of apparent set of facts: where a vendor was paid through another vendor for the purpose of obfuscating the true party paid for the services provided to the campaign.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> 2 U.S.C. 434(b)(5)(A).

<sup>16</sup> See:

FEC MUR 4872, Conciliation Agreements of Jenkins for Senate 1996 (February 15, 2002) and the Republican Party of Louisiana (October 2, 2001), available at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/4872/0000016F.pdf>, <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/4872/0000016C.pdf>;

FEC MUR 6724, Conciliation Agreement of MichelePAC, Bachmann for President (June 27, 2017), available at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6724/17044423206.pdf>, <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6724/17044423200.pdf>;

FEC MUR 6961 (Donald J. Trump for President Inc.), First General Counsel’s Report at fn 36 (March 7, 2016) (“The Commission has determined that merely reporting the immediate recipient of a committee’s payment will not satisfy the requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) when the facts indicate that the immediate recipient is merely a conduit for the intended recipient of the funds”), available at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6961/17044405316.pdf> (last accessed August 3, 2020).

12. MURs 6961, 6698, 6510 and 6894 also stand for the proposition that when a vendor is providing a “broad[] range” of *bona fide* services, then only the main vendor paid is reported.<sup>18</sup> **However**, they are inapplicable in this case (and Respondents cannot differentiate them), given that the intent to avoid reporting of the true vendors has been ***specifically stated***.
13. It is clear from Antone for Congress’ email ***to the general public*** attached as Exhibit B that specific intent to avoid reporting requirements is present in this situation – just as it was in the MURs cited above. Antone for Congress appears to be complicit in – or potentially behind – this scheme.
14. The timing of the formation of these entities – and the fact that they do not appear to have any Internet presence whatsoever (as an ordinary vendor would) indicate that these companies were not formed in the ordinary course of business.
15. As such, since WCPA, Lake Point Consulting, and Northern Superior Consulting appear to be “merely conduits” for unknown vendors *actually* providing the services to Antone for Congress, Respondents have violated 2 U.S.C. 30104(b)(5)(A).

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<sup>17</sup> FEC MUR 4872, Conciliation Agreements of Jenkins for Senate 1996 (February 15, 2002) and the Republican Party of Louisiana (October 2, 2001), available at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/4872/0000016F.pdf>, <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/4872/0000016C.pdf>, Discussion in MUR 6698 (United Ballot PAC), First General Counsel’s Report at 10-11 (September 4, 2014) (“When the committee discovered that David Duke’s name and phone number appeared on caller identification for calls placed by Impact Mail’s phone bank, the committee sought to avoid any association with Duke by terminating its relationship with Impact Mail. The committee was unable to suspend its contract with Impact Mail, however, and it then took steps to conceal its relationship with Impact Mail by routing its payments to Impact Mail through a second, unrelated vendor, Courtney Communications, and reporting Courtney Communications as the payee on disclosure reports.”), at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6698/16044390137.pdf>;

<sup>18</sup> See:

FEC MUR 6961 (Donald J. Trump for President Inc.), First General Counsel’s Report at fn 36 (March 7, 2016), at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6961/17044405316.pdf>;

MUR 6698 (United Ballot PAC), First General Counsel’s Report (September 4, 2014), at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6698/16044390137.pdf>;

MUR 6510 (Mark Steven Kirk), First General Counsel’s Report (March 8, 2013), at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6510/13044341743.pdf>;

MUR 6894 (Steve Russell for Congress), First General Counsel’s Report (August 26, 2015), at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6894/15044381398.pdf> (last accessed August 3, 2020).

I request that the FEC review this matter and find reason to believe that Antone Melton-Meaux and Antone for Congress violated the Act by failing to properly disclose who it disbursed funds to for work on the campaign – instead disbursing funds to shell companies (the remaining Respondents) in an off-the-books effort to keep their vendors anonymous.

The Respondents have said the quiet part loudly – specifically stating their intent to obfuscate disclosure requirements by “register[ing] LLCs in order to avoid being penalized by the DCCC for simply working on the campaign they chose to.” Unfortunately for Respondents, this avoidance is a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act. The FEC should punish them accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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NAME  
ADDRESS  
ADDRESS

State of Minnesota )

County of \_\_\_\_\_)

Signed and sworn to before me on August \_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_.

Exhibit A

MinnPost

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<https://www.minnpost.com/national/2020/07/antone-melton-meauxs-campaign-paid-almost-100000-to-two-consulting-companies-but-wont-say-who-is-involved-or-what-work-they-do/>



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By [Gabe Schneider](#) | MinnPost Staff Writer





Antone Melton-Meaux is challenging Rep. Ilhan Omar in the Fifth District DFL primary.

*Antone for Congress*

July 17, 2020

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The two companies, North Superior Consulting LLC and Lake Point Consulting LLC, were registered in Delaware in late 2019. Neither appears to have a website or any presence at all online, nor do the firms appear in campaign finance records of other candidates. The companies would normally be required to list their directors on their corporate tax filings, but neither firm filed its Delaware taxes on time, instead incurring fines.

The only name MinnPost was able to uncover connected with the companies was that of K. Davis Senseman, a Minneapolis attorney who served as Omar's campaign treasurer in 2018 and went on to join Omar's office as district director, but resigned in July of the first year of Omar's term. Senseman is listed as the submitter of [the document forming North Superior](#), and Senseman's law firm, Davis Law Office PLLC, is listed on [the document forming Lake Point](#), according to records obtained from the Delaware Secretary of State.

In response to questions about the registrations and any involvement with Melton-Meaux's campaign, Senseman said, "Davis Law Office has no involvement with any campaign and legally we can not comment on any companies we may have registered for clients of DLO."

When asked what North Superior and Lake Point were doing for his campaign, Melton-Meaux said he did not know and that he would get back to MinnPost. His campaign communications director later provided a statement saying, "They are both strategic

communications firms that provide strategic counsel for the campaign.”

The campaign later added, “Both Lake Point Consulting LLC and North Superior Consulting LLC are communications and strategy consulting firms that work largely outside of politics, with very limited political experience. Both organizations aren’t affiliated with the DFL, and are people that Antone knows and who were referred to his campaign by supporters.” Melton-Meaux’s campaign manager also claimed to have signed nondisclosure agreements with the companies that prevented them from revealing any further information.

Scott Thomas, [a former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission](#) and Melton-Meaux’s campaign’s finance attorney, told MinnPost that “strategic consulting” is an adequate descriptor.

“The FEC would say, if you just put down for the payment as being for consulting, ‘That’s not an adequate disclosure,’ but if you put something down like strategic consulting, that’s basically a clue in the campaign finance world,” Thomas said. “This is someone who is involved with helping the campaign with its strategy.” As for the NDA in place between the campaign and the two companies, Thomas said that NDAs like those are put in place “because the person might be someone who is working for all sorts of different clients. And there can be some tension created with clients if the same consultant goes over and works for some other client.”

For Brendan Fischer, director of federal reform at the Campaign Legal Center, the campaign's response falls short. "The law requires campaigns to file itemized reports of their spending so that the public can assess candidates and make informed decisions," he said. Omar's campaign, for example, has faced scrutiny after disclosing her payments to her now-husband's firm, E Street Group LLC.

"It sounds like [Melton-Meaux's] campaign is not only failing to provide meaningful disclosure on campaign finance reports, but also refusing to answer any questions about the nature of the disbursements," Fischer said.

Michael Beckel, research director at Issue One, a nonpartisan organization that seeks to reduce the role of money in politics, said nondisclosure agreements between campaigns and consultants have become "increasingly common," but that the whole situation sounds "atypical" and is "really keeping people at a loss for how the money is really being spent and who's calling the shots."

"It's very problematic when voters don't get the full story about opaque entities that are actively involved in the support or opposition of candidates on the ballot," Beckel said. "And it's the sad reality right now that there's a number of situations in which we're not learning the information that we should until long after election day."



**Gabe Schneider**

Gabe Schneider is MinnPost's Washington correspondent. Before joining MinnPost, he served as a reporting fellow for the nonprofit Texas Tribune, and he has written for The Columbia Journalism Review, Vox, Los Angeles Magazine, and more.

**Exhibit B**

**Email from Antone for Congress to Supporters**

**August 2, 2020**



Official newsletter of the [Antone For Congress](#) Campaign

**#FocusedOnTheFifth**

**[Vote By August 11th!](#)**





## Campaign FAQs

Hello! We at the Antone for Congress campaign wanted to reach out to answer some of the biggest questions we've been getting about how Antone will represent the Fifth District as your next congressperson! Read below to find out where Antone stands on a few of the issues coming up in our race to better represent this district and let folks know they can find out even more at [AntoneForCongress.com](https://AntoneForCongress.com)!

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### **Would Antone support Medicare For All?**

Yes, but we can do better. Antone would support Medicare for All in a heartbeat. However, he believes that the fastest and most realistic way to achieve universal coverage is by pursuing a public option, and that a well-run public option would move us organically towards a single-payer system. Antone also believes that Medicare for All does not go far

enough in controlling healthcare spending and, most importantly, improving health for Americans. That is why he is pushing for a Primary Care for All system that will expand access to primary care and cover an expanded set of primary care services—internal medicine, pediatrics, mental and behavioral health services, reproductive healthcare, and eye and dental care—at no cost.

Expanding access to primary care is proven to improve health outcomes and reduce costs by finding and treating illness and disease early and preventing unnecessary specialty care and hospitalizations. Improving primary care is especially important to reduce health disparities that leave communities of color with higher rates of chronic disease. Antone is also calling for changing how we pay for primary care services, so doctors and healthcare providers can focus on value and quality of care, not volume and quantity. And finally, Antone will fight to bring down prescription drug costs by passing legislation to allow the federal government to negotiate drug prices for publicly-run plans, including the public option, Medicare, Medicaid, the Indian Health Service, and the Veterans Health Administration. Altogether, this plan combats the three major failures of our healthcare system, which include worsening patient health, runaway spending, and lack of access.

#### **Does Antone support a \$15 minimum wage?**

Yes, and more. Antone knows it is past time to establish a \$15 minimum wage. Going further though, Antone is fighting for a true national living wage that is tied to inflation so that wages keep pace with living costs. He believes that every American should be able to afford to pay their bills now and in the future with one full time job. In Congress, immediately passing a \$15 minimum wage, tied to inflation, will be a top priority for Antone.

#### **Does Antone support the Green New Deal?**

Yes. Antone supports the Green New Deal because he believes we need bold legislation to tackle climate change that invests heavily in renewable energy, power storage technology for clean energy, and updates all of our infrastructure to reduce our carbon footprint—including not just roads and bridges, but mass transit, public buildings, and public housing. He also believes that this is also an opportunity to update our nation's technology as well as an investment that will help grow our economy. Antone also believes that we must make



sure to provide clear funding mechanisms for these critical investments. That's why he supports a carbon tax on large corporations that will account for the true cost of doing business.

### **What's Antone's stance on NDAs and the #MeToo Movement?**

Antone does not and has never supported the coercive use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) by employers in cases of sexual harassment to silence survivors and perpetuate practices that enable abuse.

He believes the only time an NDA is warranted when a victim or survivor is requesting one themselves. Reasons why a victim or survivor would want an NDA include protecting their identity, or to avoid a lengthy, painful, and costly legal process brought on by the employer. In these situations, survivors deserve options, and Antone supports survivors having this option.

Our opponents have tried to turn Antone's advocacy for survivors into something it is not. Antone is and will always be committed to supporting anyone who has experienced harassment or discrimination of any kind, including workplace sexual harassment.

Read the statement below from a colleague familiar with Antone's legal work;

*"I am an attorney who lives in the Fifth Congressional District and I support Antone Melton-Meaux for Congress. Antone was the mediator in two difficult cases where I represented victims of racial and sexual discrimination by two different organizations. Antone listened closely and developed a thoughtful path to settling the cases where both sides felt they had received a fair resolution. Antone is a brilliant, insightful and kind person who will bring civility and compassion to Congress. Moreover, he truly cares about the people with whom he works and I know he will work hard for those of us who live in the Fifth District."*

*-Jean Brandl*

### **Does Antone support Unions and Labor?**

Our opponent is trying to cast Antone as anti-union because he worked at Jackson Lewis law firm. This is nothing other than a gross misrepresentation. Antone never worked on a single union case during his time there. In fact, he has only ever worked on one union case, where he defended members of the NFL player's union, the NFLPA. Antone is a strong supporter of unions and will fight to protect and expand workers rights, including their right to form a union.

During Antone's prior work as an employment attorney, the vast majority of the work he did was to counsel clients to not just comply with the law but create workplaces where people are respected and valued. On occasions where he represented a client in a lawsuit, Antone worked hard to understand the case from both sides, provided good counsel to his client, and looked for opportunities to resolve the case. As a mediator, Antone works to help parties resolve conflicts in fair and equitable ways that address the concerns of both sides. Antone's reputation for fairness to employees led him to become the go-to mediator for many employees' lawyers to help them resolve disputes. He was recognized for this service by being elected Chair of the Dispute Resolution section of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Antone will fight to make it easier for workers to form a union and he supports legislation that will help ensure productive first-contract negotiations, including options for mediation and arbitration. We must affirm workers' right to form a union and collectively bargain, and reverse the tide of state-level Right to Work legislation that only harms workers and organized labor.

Here are a few of the other ways that Antone will support workers and fight growing inequality:

Antone is calling for a national living wage, tied to inflation, so wages keep pace with living costs.

Antone will fight for a national wage theft law to guarantee that all employees take home what they earn. He also supports banning coercive employment contract provisions, including banning forced arbitration provisions, jury-trial waivers, and class action waivers.

He supports passing universal, permanent Paid Family and Medical Leave, so that no one has to choose between their income and taking care of themselves or a loved one. He also supports providing hazard pay for essential workers who are being asked to put themselves at risk to provide all of us with needed services.

Unions and working families can always count on Antone to be a strong advocate for workers' rights and a just economy.

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